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This issue of the Journal is being produced by your Associate Editor in lieu of Editor George Fuld, who is ill. Through the kind cooperation of the officers and governors of TAMS, and especially Melvin Fuld of Baltimore, Md., we are carrying on as best we can in George's absence.

Acting President at this writing is James J. Curto of Grosse Pointe, Mich., who is TAMS number 1 and its First Vice-President since its formation Nov. 19th, 1960 at Detroit, Michigan.

Many decisions concerning the Society had to be made quickly when George became ill, but I am pleased to report that TAMS has achieved "strength in depth" as it continues to function well even under the difficult circumstances of the absence of our President and Editor.

George Fuld has for over a decade been one of the prime moving spirits in the token and medal fields in the United States and his brilliance in these fields is recognized by all who have met him, have read his published works or corresponded with him. This writer cannot hope to equal GJF's mastery but if you readers will bear with me until he returns to full activity again perhaps the Journal may be what we have all long hoped that it would be - a self-sustaining instrument to spread our avidity, diffuse our knowledge and entertain our membership.

Speaking for the Society, may I wish George a full and speedy recovery in all our names?

Russ Rulau
Acting Editor

About This Journal

This issue of the Journal is being deliberately limited to 16 pages because of financial reasons and will cover the period of May through August, 1962, to permit the Board of Governors to decide certain vital questions concerning how the Journal may be financed.

An interim answer for all of us is to induce new members to join. Without sufficient readers, we may be forced to cut back to 4 issues per year instead of the current 6. Several other methods of financing, including paid display ads, will be considered by the Board in August. Members desiring to make suggestions along this line should forward comments to the Secretary by July 15th.

In this issue we continue our presentation of the articles on embossed or shell store cards. The article on parking tokens will be continued in the next issue.

In this issue we are commencing the promised definitive article on Spiel Marken, or Game Counters. The manuscript has been 1½ years in preparation and was written solely for the benefit of members of the Token and Medal Society. The introduction to the article will explain its scope and purpose. We expect that the Journal will carry installments of this article for some two years or longer. Speaking for my co-authors, Maurice M. Gould and George J. Fuld, I hope it fills the long-felt need of collectors to find data on game counters in one single reference.

The free classified advertisements for Society members are temporarily suspended in this issue until a decision on financing the Journal may be made. However, chapter and society news and news on new medals, etcetera is included.

SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR THE 1962-1963 TERM

At the annual meeting of the Token and Medal Society this coming August at Detroit, Michigan, election of officers for the 1962-63 term will take place. Any TAMS member in good standing may be nominated for any office at the annual meeting. Elections will then take place. The annual TAMS meeting will be held in conjunction with the Joint ANA-CNA Meeting. Date and time of the meeting will be announced in the numismatic press and will appear on the ANA Convention Calendar.

The following list of nominees is the official slate proposed by President George Fuld on April 12th and endorsed by Acting President James J. Curto on May 11th:

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| For President | James. J. Curto, Grosse Pointe, Michigan
(currently First Vice-President) |
| For First Vice-President | Max M. Schwartz, New York, New York
(currently Second Vice-President) |
| For Second Vice-President | Paul H. Hamm, San Diego, California
(currently Member of the Board) |
| For Secretary | William Spilman, Waynesboro, Virginia (incumbent) |
| For Treasurer | Virginia Culver, Los Altos, California (incumbent) |
| For Board of Governors | Harley L. Freeman, Ormond Beach, Florida (incumbent)
Melvin Fuld, Baltimore, Maryland (incumbent)
Ralph A. (Curley) Mitchell, Fullerton, California
(currently Assistant Editor)
Maurice M. Gould, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Dr. George J. Fuld, Baltimore, Maryland
(currently President)
Harold C. Schmal, Phoenix, Arizona |
| For Legal Counsel | Ellis Edlowitz, Washington, D. C. (incumbent)
Harry Lessin, Norwalk, Connecticut (incumbent) |

Included in the slate of nominees above are the current Presidents of three TAMS Chapters now organized. They are: Paul H. Hamm (Southern California Exonumist Society); Maurice M. Gould (New England Exonumist Society); Harold C. Schmal (Arizona Exonumist Society).

ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP

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| 191 | Mrs. Dorothy Beaulieu, 785 Harding Avenue, San Jose 26, California
(omitted by error from previous lists) |
| 586 | Wendell M. Deller, 677 First Avenue, West, Eugene, Ore. |
| 587 | Ed. C. Gessler, 198 Pike Avenue, Jacksonville, Ark. |
| 617 | Walter Cyril Lawes, 1700 Pauline St., New Orleans 17, La. |
| 618 | Douglas A. Bly, 2117 Coventry Drive, Wilmington 3, Del. |
| 619 | Librairie Falk Fils, G. Van Campenhout, Rue du Midi, 108-110,
Brussels 1, Belgium |
| 620 | Paul Fouts, 609 Peoples Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash. |
| 621 | Francis Joseph Flynn, 15 Turner St., Brighton 35, Mass. |
| 626 | Mrs. Margo Russell, P. O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio |
| 627 | Miss Frances A. Blend, 1461 Alabama St., San Francisco 10, Calif. |
| 628 | Paul S. Seitz, Glen Rock, Pa. |

ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP (cont'd)

- 629 Theodore A. Margwarth, 2025 E. Spruce, Springfield, Ill.
- 630 Ralph E. Becker, 1700 "K" St. N.W., Washington, D. C.
- 631 Bernard Scott, 71½ Pepperell St., Halifax, N.S., Canada
- 632 F. D. Western, P. O. Box 73, Detroit 31, Mich.
- 633 Mrs. Avellette Setzer, Box 329, Center, Texas
- 634 C. A. Jacob Jr., 155 Brewster Road, Scarsdale, N. Y.
- 635 S. A. Simpson, P. O. Box 2780, Vancouver 3, B. C., Canada
- 636 Gilvin A. Ayers, 2345 S. San Antonio, Pomona, Calif.
- 637 Fudo Takagi, 2168 Newton Avenue, San Diego 13, Calif.
- 638 Dr. Ray H. Wilson, 4003 Goldfinch St., San Diego 3, Calif.
- 639 Charles R. Hoskins, Money Museum, National Bank of Detroit, Detroit 32, Mich.
- 640 George F. Stuart, 229 Broadway, Lynn, Mass.
- 641 Frank Roza Jr., Consolidated Coin Co., 4041 El Camino Way, Palo Alto, Calif.
- 642 Ralph A. Hinde, 225 106th Avenue, Queens Village, Jamaica 29, N. Y.

RESIGNED

- 517 Francis S. Jones, 732 Olive Avenue, Coronado 18, Calif.

NEW REFERENCE BOOKS ON TOKENS AND MEDALS

The Ovolon Publishing Company of Wayland, Mass. has recently published two reference works and is planning two more in the Token and Medal field. Those already published are:

"United States Store Cards" by Edgar H. Adams, originally published in New York 1920 and reprinted 1962 by Ovolon. The book retails at \$2.95, has paper cover and is printed on slick stock, closely resembling the original. "Adams" has long been the standard for merchant cards of the US and this reprint makes available to collectors a very difficult book to find. Originals bring \$15 to \$30 on today's market.

"Merchant Counterstamps on American Silver Coins: by Maurice M. Gould, one of the recognized authorities in this field today. The 16-page pamphlet has paper covers and is printed on slick stock; illustrations are photos of specimens from the Gould collection. This is an original work and as a first attempt at listing the various counterstamps and countermarks impressed on US and Spanish American silver coins by American merchants and others, it is excellent. The book makes no pretense to completeness, but this is offset by the great value of having (at long last) a reference of merit compiled by a leading scholar in the field. Price has not as yet been announced.

Empire Coin Co. Inc. of Johnson City, N.Y. recently announced "A" Catalogue of United States Store Cards or Merchant Tokens" by Donald M. Miller, which retails at \$4.95. This paper cover, slick paper reference is not illustrated. It is of considerably greater value than the original Adams list noted above, as it adds many specimens unknown to or ignored by Adams, including some tokens of the US possessions, as well as many varieties omitted by Adams in the regular merchant series. Advanced token collectors will find the book of limited value as it lacks complete descriptions and omits thousands of merchant cards already listed in published works. Its greatest value is to the novice and semi-advanced collectors as well as to libraries, museums and dealers. The book contains prices.

All three of the books described above are recommended to TAMS members, with the exceptions noted. Publishers desiring to have new reference works reviewed in this Journal should airmail a copy to the Associate Editor, 98 Perimeter Drive SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TAMS MAILBAG

The National Grand Army History Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ernest G. Wells, Chairman

11 Tufts St.
Cambridge 39, Mass.
April 14, 1962

Dear Mr. Spilman,

We believe that a goodly number of your members will be interested in our Civil War Centennial Project --- and some of them may well be in a position to be or substantial help.

No final and definitive History of the Grand Army of the Republic has yet been written. The lack of such an account of an organization os such potent effect upon our nation leaves a great gap in the overall understanding of our historical development. A gap which we propose to fill. Needless to say, such a monumental undertaking needs all the assistance it can get.

Where the Grand Army badge was the Civil War Campaign medal for forty years (until Congress created one in 1907), it is believed that many of your members could very well be interested in this first and most potent of all U.S. veterans' organizations. It could be that many of them are also collectors of Encampment and regimental badges and medals.

We have thus far achieved a skeleton framework of names, dates and places. Around this we propose to weave dramatic, human-interest stories of G.A.R. men and events that will eventually place the finished work in as many schools, libraries, and homes as possible.

We request this "Appeal for Help" be placed in your Society bulletin. We also have a national publication (as well as my committee news-letters) and any cooperative contacts between our members could prove mutually beneficial.

Cordially yours,

Ernest G. Wells

Thomas A. Domhoff
Box 982
Rochester 3, N. Y.

May 1st, 1962

Dear George,

Here's another item I've procured for TAMS members only at cost.

U.S.S. Kitty Hawk CVA 63 Christening, May 21, 1960, Camden, N. J. This is a 32mm Medallion with loop (Mishler 60.M.55.13). These charms were presented to those at the christening. On a first come, first served basis, only a few hundred are available at 25¢ plus a self addressed envelope.

ED NOTE: We thank Tom for this, his second effort in our behalf this year.

The Antietam-Sourth Mountain Centennial Assoc. Inc., Hagerstown, Md., recently announced a numbered sterling silver medal, issue limited to 5000, to commemmorate the Centennial of the Battles of Antietam and South Mountain. Medal number 1 will go to President Kennedy, number 2 to the American Legion National Commander and number 3 to the Smithsonian Institution. Write 29 E. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

by Ralph A. Mitchell; Compiled and Annotated by Russell Rulau (Seventh Installment)

RULAU #	ISSUER	LOCATION	DATE	OBV DEVICE	OBV METAL	REV COLOR	WHERE
(Made of heavier metal than most shells, this card is said to have been government-suppressed. Use of the words LEGAL TENDER here is unique on token issues.)							
758	WHITE'S, CHARLEY Troupe/Every Night/At/ Morris Bros. Opera House	(unknown)	1867	LS	S	Green	S
759	WHITE, WHITMAN & CO Clothing - 234 Bdwy	NY NY	1868	LH	G	Green	F-Fr-T
(Foster listed this from the Hunt Collection)							
761	WHITTING, WILLIAM	NY NY		LS			A
762	WIGHT, GEORGE Park Hotel	NY NY			G		T
764	WILEY & BROS.	Philadelphia Pa		LS			A
766	WILLIAMS, J. E.	Binghampton NY	1868	LH	G		
(Lot 120, Haseltine Sale, Jan. 1880)							
768	WILLIAMS, WHITTLESEY, HARRIS & CO Mfgrs. and Jobbers of Hats, Caps, Furs, Straw Goods Umbrellas, Parasols, etc., 372 Broadway, New York	NY NY	Undt	Wash	G	Bicolored	G
768a	WILLIAMS, WHITTLESEY, HARRIS & CO (as last)	NY NY	Undt	Wash	G	Brown	G
770	WILSON, CHAS. W. Botanic Druggist 140 Market St.	Newark NJ	1867	LS	S	Green	S
771	WILSON, G. B. Live Shoe Store	(unknown)			G		T
773	WILTSEE, JOHN F. Funeral Furnisher/Coffins/ Hearses & Carriages/ No 295 W. 6' St/Cin. O.	Cincinnati O	1868	LH	C	Copper	ANS-Y-S-T
774	WINKLER, CHAS.	Cincinnati O	1868	LH	B		MR
776	WITTFELD, WM.	Philadelphia Pa	1867	LS	SVD		
(Lot 1320, Haseltine Sale, Feb. 1877)							
777	WITTY, CALVIN Carriages & Velocipedes	NY NY	Undt	Eagle	B		
(Lot 489, Bluestone Sale, Oct. 29, 1942)							
780	WOLFE'S SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS And/Dew of/the Alps For Sale by/Grocers & Druggists	(NY NY)	1868	LH	G	Gilt	M-S

RULAU #	ISSUER	LOCATION	DATE	OBV DEVICE	OBV METAL	REV COLOR	WHERE
781	WOLFE, UDOLPHO Sole Proprietor Beware of Imitations. Schiedam Schnapps. (Small eagle upraised wings)	(NY NY)	1868	LH	G	GILT	T-F-G-M-R- C-B-Fr-S- ANS
(Also in coll. John G. Nicolosi, Oakland, Calif)(This card is variously reported in sizes from 32 to 34½ mm. This is, undoubtedly, the commonest of all embossed cards.)							
783	WOOD, HENRY & SONS (a trinacria)	Boston Mass	Undt	Blank	B	Brass	G
785	WOODWORTH, C. B. & SONS Perfumes	Rochester NY	1867	LS	SVD	Orange	C
(Lot 695, Sale of the Gutttag Collection by A. Kosoff, Feb. 27, 1943)							
787	WORLD PEACE JUBILEE	Boston Mass	Undt	Mirr	-		Gr
(The World Peace Jubilee was held in 1869)							
789	WRIGHT & BRO. Notions, Japanese & Fancy Goods, 181 W. 4th St. Cin. O.	Cincinnati O	1868	LH	G	Gilt	B-T
(Mr. Bibler states this Liberty Head has child-like features)							
790	WRIGHT, B. T. Dealer/in/Hardware/ and/Agricultural Implements	Emporia Kans Lyon County	1868	LH	C	Copper	M-C-T-S-R- ANS
791	WRIGHT & DENISON Stencil Cutters	Cincinnati O	1868	LH	G	Lavender Pink	M-T
792	WRIGHT'S 84 Main St.	Houston Tex			G		T
794	YEARANCE, PETER V.	East New York Long Island (NY)		LS			A
796	YOUNG, G. J. & SON	Pittsburgh Pa	Undt	Mirr	-		T
799	ZUR/ERINNERUNG/AN DIE/ AUSSETELLUNG/DES DEUTSCHEN/ WAISENHAUSES/1867.	(NY NY?)	1867	LH	G	Copper	S
800	ZUR ERINNERUNG/AN/DAS DEUTSCHEL/FRIEDENSFEST/ Am/Montag Den 10th April 1871 New York C. E. Vetten A. Bernhard	NY NY	Undt	(Note)	WM	Gilt	ANS

NOTE: Obverse shows a coat of arms under glass.

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No. 7 (continued)

Obverse

Reverse

b. 1785 d. 1815

Thomas L. Elder
Numismatist
32 E. 23D St.
New York
City.

— * — 1807 — 1907 — * —

9 in fibre, 10 in lead, 10 in brass, 10 in copper,
10 in white metal, 10 in aluminum .

No. 8 (Issued September 1907)

Obverse

Reverse

Head of John Ericsson
to the left, name above
head, under the head
1803--1903

Same reverse as
on card No. 7

1 in gold, 3 in silver, 4 in fibre, 3 in lead, 26 in brass,
25 in copper, 3 in white metal, 153 in aluminum

No. 9 (Issued September 1907)

Obverse

Reverse

Ship Santa Maria with
full sails going left,
above is the inscription

Columbus In Sight of
The New World

Commemorating
Jamestown
Ter-Centennial
Exposition
1607 -- 1907
Thomas L. Elder
Coin Dealer
32 E. 23D St.
N. Y. City.

1 in gold, 3 in silver, 3 in fibre, 3 in lead, 25 in brass,
25 in copper, 3 in white metal, 151 in aluminum.

No. 10 (Issued September 1907)

Obverse

Reverse

Head and shoulders
of Columbus facing
with a slight turn to
right. Around the
head is

1492 Cristopher Columbus 1893

American Numismatic Association
Triennial
Convention

Thomas L. Elder
Numismatist
32 E. 23D St. N. Y.

Sept. 2. 3. 4.
1907

* Columbus, O. *

No. 10 (continued)

1 in gold, 3 in silver, 3 in fibre, 3 in lead, 25 in brass,
25 in copper, 3 in white metal, 151 in aluminum. There were also
overstrikes of the cards as follows:- 1 on brass, 6 on copper and 1 on
nickel.

No. 11 (Issued September 1907)

Obverse

Same obverse as on card No. 4

10 in fibre, 10 in lead, 10 in brass, 10 in copper,
10 in white metal and 10 in aluminum

Reverse

Same reverse as on card No. 9

No. 12 (Issued September 1907)

Obverse

Same obverse as on card No. 4

10 in fibre, 10 in lead, 10 in brass, 10 in copper
10 in white metal, and 10 in aluminum

Reverse

Same reverse as on card No. 10

No. 13 (Issued December 1907)

Obverse

Head of Lincoln to
right, below his name
and 1809-1909
Around the rim the
words:-Born Feb. 12, 1809.
Assassinated By Booth
Apr. 14, 1865

Reverse

Taken As A Whole,
His Rise
Development,
Ability, Power, Acts
And End, Have Not
A Parallel In
Human History

T. L. Elder N. Y.

1 in gold, 5 in silver, 5 in fibre, 5 in lead, 10 in brass,
10 in copper, 5 in white metal, 20 in aluminum, 5 in German silver

The compiler regrets to state that in the previous number of the Elder Monthly the diameter of the Elder cards and tokens was not given. All of the cards emitted by Mr. Elder were round and of a size about 30 and 31 millimeters. Edges plain. Cards about 1½ millimeters in thickness at edge. Corrections in descriptions of cards No. 1 to 13 inclusive:-

- Card No. 3, There should be a period before and after the word Monthly
Card No. 4, There should be a period after the word Street
Card No. 5, There should be a period after the word Coin
Card No. 6, There should have been a capital D after the numerals 23 instead of a small letter d
Card No. 7, Same remarks as to card No. 6, and with the addition of a period after D There should also be a period before and after each star at the date
Card No. 9, There should have been a capital D after and above the numerals 23 with period under D thus:- 23^D instead of a small letter d. And also a period after St
Card No. 10, The lines under the word Convention and above Sept. 2. 3. 4. should be long unbroken lines The d after 23 should be a capital D with a dash under same thus D
Token No. 13, There should have been a period after the word History and the line under the words Human History should be unbroken.

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WRIGHT'S AMERICAN STORE CARDS
Compiled by J. J. Curto (cont'd from P. 46)

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<u>T Cont'd.</u>	<u>Wright #</u>	<u>T Cont'd.</u>	<u>Wright #</u>
Tammany Hall	1089	Turner Brass Works	1683
Tarbox & Co.	1090	20th. Century Automatic	
Tarrant, Robt.	1091	Salesman	1686
Taylor, A. B.	1092	Thompson Bros.	1689
Taylor, G., & Son	1093	Thyes, H. J.	1690
Taylor, N. & G., Co.	1094	Toevs, H.	1692
Taylor & Raymond	1095	25 R. E. G. - T. V.	1693
Taylor & Richards	1096	Two Brothers Saloon	
T. E.	1097	(Victoria, Tex.)	1694
Teutonia Club	1098	Two Brothers Saloon	
Texas Cotton Palace	1099	(San Antonio, Tex.)	1695
Thalia Theatre	1100	Traders Saloon	1696
25. - The Anheuses	1101	Traver Covey & Sands	1697
Third Ave. R. R. - Harlem	1134		
Third Ave. R. R. - Yorkville	1135	<u>U</u>	
Third Ave. R. R. to Cable Line	1136	Union Coffee Co. Ltd.	1132
Tom Thumb (Rev. Liberty	1137	Union League	1169
Thomas - 1870	1138	Urlau, Wm., & Bros.	1170
Thomas, R. F.	1139	U. S. Armory, Springfield	1171
Thomas & Robinson	1140	U. S. Manufacturing Co.	1172
Thomas, S. M.	1141	U. S. Arsenal	1173
Thompson, A. D.	1142	Use G. G. G. & G. G. G. G.	1174
Thompson, W. A.	1143	U. S. Mint - 1st Steam Coinage	1175
Thornton, Jas.	1144	U. S. Subsistence Dept.	1176
Through - 5 - West	1145	U. V. T. - 59	1177
Thurber, Whyland Co's.	1146	Ulmer Park Help	1656
Thurnauer & Zinn	1147	Utah Liquor House	1698
Tilly, Haynes & Co.	1148	Union Clothing Co.	1705
Tivoli & Wallhalla	1149	U. S. Registry Co.	1706
Tivoli - 5 - Boonville	1150	Unsworth, James	1707
Tolman Steam Laundry	1151	Utah Meat & Grocery Co.	1708
Townsend, Garrett	1152	U. U.	1709
T. R.	1153		
T. P. D.	1154	<u>V</u>	
Traphagen Hunter & Co.	1155	Vinson - Elliott Co.	289
Traver Covey & Sands	1156	V (Large 1)	1178
Tredwell Kissam & Co.	1157	Vails	1179
Treitschke, J.	1158	Valentine & Co.	1180
Trested-Die Sinker	1159	Vallee, John E.	1181
Treusch, Chas.	1160	VanCott, A. B.	1182
Tipping, S. M.	1161	Vanderbeek, Wm.	1183
Toremner, H.	1162	Vanderbilt, Isaac Stevens	1184
Turning & Boring	1163	Van Nostrand & Dwight	1185
Tuchaseece Mfg. Co.	1164	Vaughan's Seed Store	1186
Tuttle, C. F.	1165	V & B - 21	1187
Tyler, C. C., & Co.	1167	Varein, Arbeiter V.	1188
Tyson & Co.	1168	Vick & Waters	1189
Tague, M. R.	1651	Victoria Cordage Works	1190
Talmadge, A. E.	1652	Vidal, O. A. - 35¢	1191
Tama & Toledo Elec. Ry.	1653	Vogt, Chas. A.	1192
Taylor & King	1654	Vivian & Sons & Field	1193
Temple-Salt Lake City	1655	Van DeVenter, J. & W.	1699
Texter, Wm.	1656	Vapor Shower Bath Co.	1700
Thuem, H. L.	1672	Varwig, H.	1701
Tobin, L. J., & Co.	1678	Venice in America Restaurant	1702

<u>V Cont'd.</u>	<u>Wright #</u>	<u>W Cont'd.</u>	<u>Wright #</u>
Vining, Thos. Etc.	1703	Wilbur, W. W.	1243
Voegtte, Jos.	1704	Wilkins, S. L.	1244
		Wilkman & Uppercue	1245
		Willard, Alfred	1246
		William, B. D.	1247
		William, Geo.	1248
		Williams, H. G.	1249
		William & Patton	1250
		Williams, W. W.	1251
		Williamsville Express	1252
		Wind, H.	1253
		Willoughby Hill & Co.	1254
		Wise, A.	1255
		Wilson, Sam	1256
		Wittenbergs	1257
		W. M. P. Co.	1258
		W. N. & Sons	1259
		Wolbrecht's Tivoli, Geo.	1260
		Wolfe, C., Spies & Clark	1261
		Wolff, A. W.	1262
		Wolff, C. & I. D.	1263
		Wolff, James E.	1264
		Wolf, H.	1265
		Wolff, David A.	1266
		Wood Bros.	1267
		Wood, & Co., C. H.	1268
		Wood, Wm. E.	1269
		Wood - Eng No- $\frac{1}{2}$ card	1270
		Wood's Museum	1271
		Woodcock, Wm. P.	1272
		Woodgate & Co.	1273
		Woodruff & Little Cycle Co.	1274
		Wright & Bale	1275
		Wright, R. & C. A.	1276
		Wright, R. F.	1277
		Wright, Sid	1278
		Wuestner's	1279
		Wyoming State Capitol - (Laying of Cor. Stone)	1280
		Ware & Co.	1281
		Walker Bros.	1282
		L. E. W. (Monogram)	1283
		Woodbine, W. W.	1284
		Winter - 5 - Chestnut St.	1285
		Weeks, C. E., & Co.	1286
		White Dixon & Co.	1287
		Worlds Columbian Exp. (Calender)	1288
		Washington Garden & Hall	1341
		Woodmen Saloon	1377
		Warner, Chas. K.	1546
		White Elephant	1685
		White - King of Wheels	1685A.
		White Elephant Lunch	1687
		Walding Kinnah & Marven Co.	1711
		Wales - Binghamton	1712

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"SPIEL MARKEN"

by Russell Rulau, George J. Fuld and Maurice M. Gould
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(FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A SERIES)

INTRODUCTION

Virtually nothing has been written in recent years in this country about the spiel marke, or game counter. Numismatic literature contains a practical void in place of concrete information on the subject of the time-honored gaming checks. A few scholars have listed some of the counters known to them and these works are available to the collector if he is willing to seek out the data, yet nowhere can the average collector find a single volume to cover this intriguing field.

We present here a consolidation of the efforts of previous writers and an expansion over previously-published data in the United States, British, Latin American and anonymous pieces. No claim is made that the catalog is complete, and certain excluded information is based on the arbitrary decision of the compilers; yet we trust that this article shall shed some light on the varieties available of the spiel marken.

SCOPE

Howard H. Kurth in his "Revised List of American Game Counters" (1952) gave the collector the only useful tool in English that is readily available on our own American counters. In our American Section we have excluded a few of Kurth's pieces (for example: modern play money and magician tokens) but have added many varieties which were not listed by Mr. Kurth. The American Section is broken down into subsections which should make attribution easier for the collector. All known United States counters are listed.

In the British Section, which shall be published second, we have tried to present a somewhat detailed listing of varieties issued during and since the period of George III (1760-1820). Although the data is sketchy, we have added such British Colonial counters as we know. The British Section is undoubtedly far from complete; we trust some enterprising numismatist may "build" upon the data we present.

It is regrettable that we had to exclude the German (and other Continental European) issues, as the German counters-makers were for centuries the heart and soul of the industry. However, we have compromised somewhat by including our Anonymous Section, which will be published last.

Under "anonymous" we list those tokens which contain devices so general in nature that they could have found use in any Western nation. The origin of almost all these pieces is German. Under this heading we find enough different animals to start our own "spiel marken zoo".

After the British and before the Anonymous Sections, we present a Latin American Section. The few pieces produced by or for our neighbors to the south are an interesting adjunct to the United States counters, and many occur as mules of United States and Latin types.

We have also listed US-foreign and British-foreign mules which have come to our notice in the first three sections.

ARRANGEMENT

The very nature of our subject makes a completely logical arrangement impossible, but we have tried to present the material in an easy-to-find-manner. The main device or purpose of each counter generally determines where it can be found. Thus store cards are all listed separately; George Washington pieces are all in one subsection; the "Hanover Jacks" can be found together, etcetera.

By arranging our material by the principal devices shown, we have had to sacrifice other possible arrangements collectors seem to favor, such as chronologically or by the maker of the counters.

The numbering is purely arbitrary, but we have tried to include the numbers used by previous compilers for the same pieces in the description, thus making the task of renumbering less painstaking for advanced collectors.

A consultation with the Bibliography will enable the collector to determine what "Kurth" and "Eklund" and "Adams" ect. numbers mean.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COUNTER

Originally counters were, as their name implies, small metallic discs used to "count" beyond the limit of one's fingers and toes. The use of reckoning counters was a fairly well-established practise in the Roman World, each Roman counting-house being supplied with its tesserae.

Here we have the first recorded instance in Europe of the widespread use of counters. The word tessera was also applied to the admission tokens to the Roman Games.

Over the centuries the counters (also known by many other names, including jetons, rechenpfennigen, "black money", dantes, etc.) gradually assumed use in accounting only in games, especially the card games of whist and poker, and thus gradually merged into the poker chips of today.

Most counters were produced in private mints in Tournai, Antwerp and Paris in the 15th and 16th centuries, but the scene of their greatest predominance was at Nuremberg in Bavaria in the 16th through the 19th Centuries.

Several renowned families of Nuremberg rechenpfennig makers dominated the production of the spiel marken over the almost-400 years of the city's preeminence as the center of counter production. Beginning with the Schultes' and the Krauwinkels in the 16th Century and the Lauffers in the 17th, Reich and Dorn in the 18th, the striking finally devolved upon the Lauers in the 19th. This last family is of especial significance to us since most German types produced for America and England came from the workshops of the Lauers.

Founder of the firm was Ernst Ludwig Sigmund Lauer (1762-1833) who was later assisted by his son Johann Jakob Lauer (1789-1865) and grandson Ludwig Christian Lauer (1817-1873). Ludwig was 16 when his grandfather died but was already a master at his art. We will meet with his name on many tokens as our story unfolds.

Joseph Moore of Birmingham, England also became active in the counter-making enterprise in the 1840s and later, under the firm name Allen & Moore, produced a great many English and American counters. We shall also meet with the name Kettle in both English and American counters, and more about him in the appropriate place.

Before Birmingham could seriously challenge Nuremberg as the world-centre of counter-making, the industrial revolution changed the entire picture. Game counters fell victim to mass-produced celluloid, vulcanite and finally plastic poker chips and by the turn of the century in 1900 had almost disappeared from the scene. However, there was some survival until World War I, as shown by a number of dated specimens coming from German mints after 1900.

That game counters were occasionally used as emergency specie is easily shown, but their primary purpose remained always as aids to accounting.

A modern successor to the game counter is the metallic play money used in children's games. Thus the counter has come full tilt. Used in reckoning by the Romans with their cumbersome system of numerals and then later by the ignorant masses of Western Europe using the better Arabic numerals, they gradually found use in the card-game accounting of the educated and finally find their resting-place again in the only really uneducated stratum of Western Society, the children.

PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE

Some may ask, "Why bother cataloguing items which have so little value as game counters?" Why indeed? We plead a labor of love as our only reason - an attempt to make the job of collecting counters a little easier than we ourselves have found it to be.

A word of caution here is in order. While game counters do not normally command high prices on the numismatic market, do not assume that they are common. Quite the opposite is the case; there are few common counters and most are rather scarce.

We believe that the price of the spiel marke will steadily increase; its devotees are growing in number and specimens are difficult to find even now. Should even so few as one thousand new collectors enter this field, the prices of the scarcer items could skyrocket overnight.

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Kenneth W. Lee was especially helpful in the preparation of the British "Hanover Jack" types. A. R. Martino and Charles V. Kappen reported many otherwise unknown items. Readers of the weekly newspaper "Coin World" responded by the score during 1961, sending in data on literally hundreds of specimens.

The basis for much of the data on the American Counters is the magnificent counter collection of Melvin and George Fuld and the less-extensive but unique collection of Ralph A. Mitchell.

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SECTION I - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Counter-making as an art never took a serious foothold in the United States. While counters were used extensively in this country in the mid-19th Century, almost all of them were produced either in Nuremberg, Germany or Birmingham, England. The various manufacturers, where known, will be discussed along with the counters they produced.

Although gaming counters found general use in games of chance, throughout the country, their most extensive use was along the Atlantic Seaboard, principally in the New York City area; on board the Mississippi River gambling boats; and in the State of California, principally in the San Francisco Bay area. Certain other locales, such as New Orleans, Memphis etc. also found rather extensive use for these imitation coins.

We shall give bits of the romantic story of the counters as they appear on the scene.

All counters occur in BRASS unless otherwise indicated.

Chapter I - KETTLE COUNTERS

Henry Kettle was a button and buckle maker of Birmingham, England during the period 1781-1814. To him can be ascribed many imitations of English gold coins, largely the "spade" guineas, but he also executed the first-known imitations of United States gold coins for use as game counters. The general style is that of the U. S. gold coins of 1803. All Kettle imitations must be considered scarce, and several are very rare.

1. Copy of 1803 Quarter Eagle, "KETTLE" to right of date. Initials "K.P." on truncation of shoulder. Plain edge. 20mm. (Kurth 1) R-5
2. Similar. Copy of 1803 Half Eagle, signed "KETTLE". Plain edge. 25mm. (Kurth 2) R-6
- 2A. Similar, different obverse die and diagonally reeded edge. Thicker flan. 25mm. R-9
3. As 2, but without signature "KETTLE". Plain edge. 25mm. (Kurth 2A) R-6
- 3A. Same, but diagonally reeded edge. 25mm. R-7
- 3B. As last, but in gilded brass. (We doubt that all Kettle tokens were originally issued with gilt finish.) R-7
4. Similar to 3, no signature or initials, but in Eagle size and dated "1805". Gilt Brass. Reeded edge. 34mm. Only reported specimen in Fuld Collection. R-9

There was, of course, no 1805 Eagle, but a mere fact like the suspension of eagle coinage in 1804 would not bother a maker of game counters.

Chapter II - GEORGE WASHINGTON COUNTERS

(1) "SUCCESS TOKENS"

The maker of these tokens and their use are unknown, but we subscribe to Kurth's contention that they are counters, and we believe they were struck after Washington's death by an English maker.

5. Uniformed bust of Washington right, "GEORGE WASHINGTON" around. Rev: Radiant eye surrounded by 15 stars and "SUCCESS TO THE UNITED STATES". Thin flan. Plain edge. 19½mm (average size). (Kurth 2B) (Baker 267) (Yeoman's Guide Book, page 55, as the three following) R-5
- 5A. Same, but reeded edge. 19½mm. R-9
- 5B. Same, but plain edge, SILVER 19½mm. R-9
6. Similar, but Half Eagle size. The die work better executed than on 5. Thin flan. Plain edge. 25½mm. (Kurth 2D) (Baker 266) R-6
- 6A. Similar, but die work resembling 5. Thin flan. Reeded (or knurled) edge. 25½mm. (Kurth 2C) (Baker 265) R-6

(2) GEORGIO WASHINGTON COUNTERS

All of these are products of the Lauer mint in Nurember, Germany.

7. Washington head right, "GEORGIO WASHINGTON ". "LAUER" in script below head. Rev: An open-end wreath. The center is blank. Silvered Plain edge. 31mm. (Baker 358)R-8
- 7A. Same. Brass. Plain edge. 31mm. (Baker 358) R-7
8. Obverse as 7. Rev: Crowned Imperial Austrian double eagle. Brass. Plain edge. 31mm. (Baker 358A) R-9

This is an American-Austrian muling. Lauer muled the Austrian type with a number of English counters, but these are rare when muled with US types.

9. Obverse as 7, but no "LAUER" under bust. Rev: "SPIEL MARKE" in wreath. Plain edge. 21mm. (Baker 603B) R-9
- 9A. As 9, but broken reverse die has left two small humps in field below "MARKE" Plain edge. 21mm. (Baker 603B) R-9

(3) GENERAL WASHINGTON COUNTERS

This very extensive series of counters is undoubtedly of German origin, most of them probably from the Lauer firm. There are two general types of obverse die:

Type I - Washington bust facing, the head three-quarters left. Bust is not truncated, but extends to the border. "GENERAL WASHINGTON" above bust.

Type II - Similar, but bust is truncated and ends far from lower border.

(To be continued)

10. Obverse Type I. Rev: Eagle with shield on breast, "SPIELMARKE" below. Plain edge. 18mm. (Kurth 37) (Baker 608) R-8
11. Obverse Type I. Rev: "SPIEL MARKE" in oak wreath. Bow of the wreath has two loops. Plain edge. 18mm. (Kurth 38) R-8
- 11A. Same as 11, but bow has one loop. Plain edge. 18mm. (Kurth 38) R-8
- 11B. Same as 11, but bow has two loops overlapping each other. The ends of the wreath are farther apart. Plain edge. 19½mm. R-8
12. Obverse Type II. Rev: "SPIEL MARKE" in wreath. Plain edge. 27½mm. (Kurth 56) (Baker 597) R-7
13. Obverse Type I. Rev: Eagle with shield on breast, holding arrows and olive branch. "IN UNITATE FORTITUDO" above, "SPIEL MUNZE" below. Plain edge. 19mm. (Kurth 40) (Baker 607) R-2
- 13A. Same, but reeded edge. (Kurth 40) (Baker 607) R-2
14. Similar to 13, but no shield on breast of eagle. Copper. Plain edge. 19mm. R-2
- 14A. Same. Silvered Brass. Plain edge. 19mm. R-3
- 14B. Same. Brass. Plain edge. 19mm. R-2

15. Obverse Type I, the "W" of "WASHINGTON" close to wig. Rev: Same as 14. Plain edge. 19mm. (Kurth 40A) (Baker 606) R-1

There are at least seven minor die varieties of this counter, one of which was listed by Kurth as 40C. These trifling die differences will not be listed.

- 15A. As 15, but obverse letters are smaller. Gilt. Plain edge. 19mm. R-2
- 15B. Obverse as 15A. On reverse, eagle's wing touches arrow head. Plain edge. 19mm. (Kurth 40B) (Baker 606) R-2
- 15C. Obverse similar to 15B, but die cracks run from outer edge to center of the disc (the Fuld specimen has seven die cracks). Reverse similar to 15B, but wing of eagle does not touch the arrow head. Gilt. Plain edge. 19mm. R-3

This counter may also exist with normal die, but we have not seen it.

16. Obverse Type II. Rev: Eagle with shield on breast, "IN UNITATE FORTITUDO" above, "SPIEL MUNZE" below. Plain edge. 22mm. (Kurth 48) (Bushnell 105) R-2
- 16A. Same, but reeded edge. (Kurth 48) (Bushnell 105) R-2
17. Obverse as 16, but letters are wider-spaced and bust is larger. "W" of "WASHINGTON" to right of line between wig and face. Rev: Eagle with no shield on breast. "SPIEL MUNZE" is in very small letters. Gilt. Plain edge. 22mm. (Kurth 48A) (Baker 602) R-3